

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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June 24, 2003

**FROM:** JAMES A. FELTEN, Public Health Programs Administrator  
Department of Public Health

**SUBJECT: RATIFICATION OF COMMUNITY CHALLENGE GRANT NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Ratify the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors' action approving submission of Notice of Acceptance to the Department of Health Services, Office of Family Planning, Community Challenge Grants to extend the Community Challenge Grant contract for an annual amount of \$210,000 through June 30, 2004.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** Approval of this item ratifies the Chairman's action authorizing submission of a Notice of Acceptance for continuation funding of the Community Challenge Grant (CCG) for the 2003-04 year. This is a continuing program and does not require an application. The ratification is requested because the Notice of Acceptance was not received by the Department until May 16, 2003. It was required to be faxed back to the State not later than May 30, 2003.

The CCG Program was scheduled to end June 30, 2003, with the State intending to replace it through a new grant under the Office of Family Planning (OFP). Due to budget uncertainties at the State level, OFP decided to extend the CCG Program to existing contractors to provide the same services under the same goals and objectives as in the previous grant in the amount of \$210,000 for an additional year. The CCG Program is not expected to extend beyond Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

The State Department of Health Services awards funds through the Office of Community Challenge Grants (CCG) for projects that support local activities to prevent teenage pregnancy. The Department of Public Health (Department) was awarded an initial grant for the period from February 1, 1997 through June 30, 1999. The Department developed a youth service project called Families Organized for Community Unification and Success (FOCUS) in conjunction with a partnership of local schools and community service agencies. The FOCUS Program serves youth that are at risk of teen pregnancy in San Bernardino, Colton, and Highland. This target area was selected based on State criteria of high teen pregnancy rates. Expansion of the Program beyond the designated target area was not possible due to limited funding.

The Community Challenge Grant Program goals are to increase knowledge among adolescents of responsible reproductive behavior and health issues, increase skills and opportunities for career and employment success, and provide support to families and teens through trained mentors. The project serves approximately 600 teens aged 10 through 17 years in San Bernardino, Colton, and Highland. Services are provided by subcontracts with the City of San Bernardino Parks and Recreation Department and Arts Council for San Bernardino County. The grant requires continuation of the State's evaluation plan, with evaluation services provided by Loma Linda University School of Public Health. The grant requires a 20 percent in-kind match from non-governmental sources, which is being met through local agency commitments of volunteer and volunteer staff hours and contributions of services and supplies to the program. The grant budget allocates \$91,000 for subcontractor services. The remaining \$119,000 funds the Department's cost for education and family support services provided to community schools.

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**REVIEW BY OTHERS:** This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Charles Larkin, Deputy County Counsel) on June 10, 2003. This item has also been reviewed by the County Administrative Office (Carol Hughes, Administrative Analyst) on June 12, 2003.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:** Approval of this amendment will impose no local cost to the County. This grant program is fully funded by state revenue. Program costs and revenue of \$210,000 are included in the Department of Public Health's FY 2003/2004 proposed budget.

**COST REDUCTION REVIEW:** The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and recommends approval as it imposes no local cost to the County.

**SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S):** Third and Fifth Districts

**PRESENTER:** James A. Felten, Public Health Programs Administrator, (909) 387-9146